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EVENT: Sentencing

Defendant: Ronald Roscoe

**CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED FOR
POSSESSION CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

A convicted sex offender was sentenced this afternoon to 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography in violation of federal law, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Murphy was joined in the announcement by Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Ronald Roscoe, 44, of Petersburg, Michigan, was sentenced by United States District Judge John Corbett O'Meara.

Roscoe pleaded guilty in October 2006 to one count of Possession of Child Pornography. At the time of his plea, Roscoe admitted to the Court that on or about April 4, 2006, he knowingly possessed approximately 200 images of child pornography on his home computer which were obtained from the internet.

United States Attorney Murphy said "Today's 10-year sentence shows that child pornography possession can result in a significant criminal penalty. Those involved with child pornography in any way -- including the purchasing and downloading such images -- fuel an industry that abuses and causes irreparable harm to young children. Our critical mission is to do all we can to protect these children and prevent similar abuse from being visited on other potential victims."

ICE Special Agent in Charge Brian M. Moskowitz stated, "This case reveals the disturbing truth that some adults will go to great lengths to sexually exploit children. While we cannot restore innocence to those who were abused and exploited, we can make sure that justice is served. ICE will ensure that justice is served on behalf of the victims."

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

U.S. Attorney Murphy thanked the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement for their successful investigation of the case. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frances Lee Carlson.